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AMENDMENT

SIRS:

Responsive to the OA of 2/7/05, please amend the above as follows:

Claims 1,12,23,34, 45, 49, 53 and 57, amend as shown in the attached appendix.

REMARKS

Claims 1-60 are in the application. Claims 2-11, 13-20, 24-31, 35-42, 46-48, 50-52, 54-56, 59 and 60 have been allowed. Claims 10, 11, 21, 22, 32, 33, 43 and 44 were indicated to be allowable upon change of the dependencies. Claims 1, 12, 23, 34, 45, 49, 53 and 57 have been amended to more clearly define the invention and to avoid the Sec. 102 and Sec. 103 rejections. As now presented, all of the claims 1-60 are now believed to be allowed or allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully solicited.

ALLOWED CLAIMS AND ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

The allowed claims are: 2-11, 13-20, 24-31, 35-42, 46-48, 50-52, 54-56, 59 and 60.

The following claims have been amended to change their dependencies to be from allowed claims, hence, these claims are